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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0476]

### Reliability Assurance Program

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Interim staff guidance; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the withdrawal of Design Certification (DC) and Combined License (COL) Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) No. 18 (DC/COL-ISG-018), Revision 0, "Interim Staff Guidance on Standard Review Plan, Section 17.4, 'Reliability Assurance Program.'"

**DATES:** The effective date of withdrawal of this ISG is **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

DC/COL-ISG-018 was issued in October 2009 to provide clarification and guidance on the application of Section 17.4, "Reliability Assurance Program," of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants." The staff issued DC/COL-ISG-018 to provide clear guidance for performing safety reviews of the Reliability Assurance Program (RAP). DC/COL-ISG-018 clarified the acceptance criteria and

evaluation findings contained in Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section 17.4 in support of the NRC reviews of the DC and COL applications. The ISG also made changes to the roles and responsibilities of individual branches in the Office of New Reactors that review the RAP.

## **II. Discussion**

The staff published a notice of solicitation for public comment on DC/COL-ISG-018 on October 30, 2009 (74 FR 56243). The staff considered comments received and then issued the final guidance on March 28, 2011 (76 FR 17159). The staff has since updated SRP Section 17.4 and issued the revised section for use and comment on June 11, 2013 (78 FR 35072). At this time the staff plans to finalize this guidance in June 2014. As anticipated in DC/COLISG-018, this guidance has been incorporated in SRP Section 17.4 and the NRC staff is withdrawing DC/COL-ISG-018.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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